Anno Regni
GEORGII
REGIS
Magnæ Britanniæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ,
SEPTIMO.

At the Parliament Begun and Holden at *Weſtminſter*, the Seventeenth Day of *March*, *Anno Dom.* 1714. In the Firſt Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE*, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

And from thence Continued by ſeveral Prorogations to the Eighth Day of *December*, 1720. Being the Sixth Seſſion of this preſent Parliament.

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An Act for repealing an Act made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, Intituled, *An Act to oblige Ships coming from Places infected, more effectually to perform their Quarentine*; And for the better preventing the Plague being brought from Foreign Parts into *Great Britain*, or *Ireland*, or the Isles of *Guernsey*, *Jersey*, *Alderney*, *Sark*, or *Man*; and to hinder the spreading of Infection.

WHereas in the Parliament begun and holden at Westminster in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her late Majesty Queen Anne, an Act passed, Intituled, An Act to oblige Ships coming from Places infected, more effectually to perform their Quarentine: And whereas Marseilles, and other Places in the Southern Parts of France, have, for some time past, been visited with the Plague, which occasioned just Apprehensions least the Infection might be brought into this Kingdom from the Places so infected, or other Places trading or corresponding therewith, unless timely Care were taken to prevent the same: And whereas it has been found by Experience, that the said Act is defective and insufficient for the Purposes intended; and the Penalties inflicted by the same not adequate to the Offences thereby prohibited; and some further Provisions are necessary to be made, in case it should please Almighty God to permit these Kingdoms to be

afflicted with the Plague: For Remedy thereof, Be it Enacted by the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That during the preſent Infection, and in all future Times, when any Country or Place ſhall be infected with the Plague, all Ships, Veſſels, Perſons, Goods, and Merchandizes whatſoever, coming or imported in ſuch Ships or Veſſels, into any Port or Place within Great Britain, or Ireland, or the Iſles of Guernſey, Jerſey, Alderney, Sark, or Man, from any Place ſo infected, or from any Place the Inhabitants whereof are known to trade or correſpond with any Country or Place actually infected, or from any Place from whence his Majeſty, his Heirs or Succeſſors, by and with the Advice of His or Their Privy-Council, ſhall judge it probable that the Infection may be brought, ſhall be obliged to make their Quarentine in ſuch Place and Places, for ſuch Time, and in ſuch Manner, as hath been or ſhall, from time to time, be directed by His Majeſty, his Heirs or Succeſſors, by His or Their Order or Orders made in his or Their Privy-Council, and notified by Proclamation; and that until ſuch Ships, Veſſels, Perſons, Goods, and Merchandizes, ſhall have reſpectively performed, and be diſcharged from ſuch Quarentine, no ſuch Perſons, Goods, or Merchandizes, or any of them, ſhall come or be brought on Shore, or go or be put on board any other Ship or Veſſel in any Place within His Majeſties Dominions, unleſs in ſuch Caſes, and by ſuch proper Licence, as ſhall be directed or permitted by ſuch Order or Orders made by His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, in Council, and notified, as aforeſaid; and that all ſuch Ships and Veſſels, and the Perſons and Goods coming or imported in, or going or being put on board the ſame, and all Ships, Veſſels, Boats, and Perſons receiving any Goods or Perſons out of the ſame, ſhall be ſubject to ſuch Orders, Rules, and Directions concerning Quarentine, and the Prevention of Infection, as have been or ſhall be made by His Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors, in Council, and notified by Proclamations, as aforeſaid.

And to the end it may be the better known, whether any Ship or Veſſel be actually infected with the Plague, or whether ſuch Ship or Veſſel, or the Mariners or Cargo coming and imported in the ſame, are liable to any Orders touching Quarentine; Be it Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That during the preſent Infection, and in all future Times, when any Country or Place ſhall be infected with the Plague, and any Order or Orders ſhall be made by His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, concerning Quarentine, and the Prevention of Infection, and notified, as aforeſaid, as often as any

Ship or Veſſel ſhall attempt to enter into any Port or Place in Great Britain or Ireland, or the Iſles of Guernſey, Jerſey, Alderney, Sark, or Man, the Principal Officer of his Majeſties Cuſtoms in ſuch Port or Place, or ſuch Perſon as ſhall be authorized to ſee Quarentine duly performed, ſhall go off, or cauſe ſome other Perſon to be by him appointed for that Purpoſe, to go off to ſuch Ship or Veſſel; and ſuch Officer or other Perſon authorized to ſee Quarentine performed, as aforeſaid, or the Perſon ſo by him appointed for that Purpoſe, ſhall, at a convenient Diſtance from ſuch Ship or Veſſel, demand of the Commander, Maſter, or other Perſon having Charge of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, and ſuch Commander, Maſter, or other Perſon having Charge of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, ſhall, upon ſuch Demand, give a true Account of the following Particulars; (that is to ſay) The Name of ſuch Ship or Veſſel; The Name of the Commander or the Perſon having Charge thereof; At what Place the Cargo was taken on board; What Place or Places the Ship or Veſſel touched at in her Voyage; Whether ſuch Places, or any, and which of them, were infected with the Plague; How long ſuch Ship or Veſſel had been in her Paſſage; How many Perſons were on board when the ſaid Ship or Veſſel ſet Sail; Whether any, and what Perſons, during that Voyage, on board ſuch Ship or Veſſel, had been or ſhall be then infected with the Plague; How many died in the Voyage, and of what Diſtemper; What Ships or Veſſels he or any of his Ships Company with his Privity went on board, or had any of their Company come on board his Ship or Veſſel in the Voyage; And to what Place ſuch Ships or Veſſels belonged; And alſo the true Contents of his Lading to the beſt of his Knowledge: And in caſe it ſhall appear upon ſuch Examination or otherwiſe, that any Perſon then on board ſuch Ship or Veſſel, ſhall at the time of ſuch Examination be actually infected with the Plague, in ſuch caſe it ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Officers of any of His Majeſties Ships of War, or any of His Majeſties Forts or Garriſons, and all other His Majeſties Officers, whom it may concern, upon Notice thereof given to them, or any of them reſpectively, and to and for any other Perſon or Perſons, whom they ſhall call to their Aid and Aſſiſtance, and they are hereby required to reſiſt and oppoſe the Entrance of ſuch Ship or Veſſel into any ſuch Port or Place, or to oblige ſuch Ship or Veſſel to depart out of the ſame, and to uſe all neceſſary Means for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, or either of them, be it by Firing of Guns upon ſuch Ship or Veſſel, or any other kind of Force and Violence whatſoever; and in caſe any ſuch Ship or Veſſel ſhall come from any Place viſited with the Plague, or have any

Perſon on board actually infected, and the Commander, Maſter, or other Perſon having Charge of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, ſhall not diſcover the ſame, ſuch Commander, Maſter, or other Perſon having Charge of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, ſhall be adjudged Guilty of Felony, and ſuffer Death, as in caſe of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy; And in caſe ſuch Commander, Maſter, or other Perſon having Charge of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, ſhall, upon ſuch Demand made, as aforeſaid, not make a true Diſcovery in any other of the Particulars before mentioned, ſuch Commander, Maſter, or other Perſon having Charge of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, for every ſuch Offence ſhall forfeit the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; One Moiety thereof to the King, his Heirs and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety to him or them who will ſue for the ſame, by Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſties Courts of Record at Weſtminſter, Edinburgh, Dublin, or in the proper Courts of the Iſles of Guernſey, Jerſey, Alderney, Sark or Man, reſpectively.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Commander, Maſter, or other Perſon having Charge of any Ship or Veſſel liable to perform Quarentine, ſhall himſelf quit, or ſhall permit or ſuffer any Seaman, or Paſſenger coming in ſuch Ship or Veſſel, to quit ſuch Ship or Veſſel by going on Shore, or by going on board any other Ship, Boat, or Veſſel before ſuch Quarentine ſhall be fully performed, unleſs in ſuch Caſes, and by ſuch proper Licence as ſhall be directed or permitted by ſuch Order or Orders made or to be made concerning Quarentine, and the Prevention of Infection, and notified, as aforeſaid; or in caſe any Commander, Maſter, or other Perſon having Charge of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, ſhall not within convenient time, after due Notice given for that Purpoſe by the proper Officer, cauſe ſuch Ship or Veſſel, and the Lading, to be conveyed into the Place or Places appointed for ſuch Ship or Veſſel, and the Lading thereof, to perform Quarentine reſpectively, then and in every ſuch caſe, every ſuch Ship or Veſſel, with her Tackle, Apparel and Furniture, ſhall be forfeited to his Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and ſhall and may be ſeized, ſued for, and recovered in his Majeſties Court of Exchequer at Weſtminſter, Edinburgh, or Dublin, or in the proper Courts of the Iſles of Guernſey, Jerſey, Alderney, Sark, or Man reſpectively, to the Uſe of His Majeſty, his Heirs and Succeſſors; and every ſuch Commander, Maſter, or other Perſon having Charge of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, for every ſuch Offence ſhall forfeit the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; one Moiety thereof to the King, his Heirs and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety to him or them who will ſue for the ſame; and alſo if any Perſon ſhall ſo quit ſuch Ship or Veſſel by going

on Shoꝛe, oꝛ by going on board any other Ship oꝛ Veſſel contrary to the true Meaning of this Act, it ſhall and may be lawful foꝛ all Perſons whatſoever, by Foꝛce and Violence, to compel ſuch Perſon to return on board ſuch Ship oꝛ Veſſel; and every ſuch Perſon ſo quitting ſuch Ship oꝛ Veſſel, ſhall, foꝛ every ſuch Offence, ſuffer Impꝛiſonment foꝛ the Space of Six Months, and ſhall alſo foꝛfeit the Sum of Two hundꝛed Pounds; one Moiety to the King, His Heiꝛs and Succeſſoꝛs, the other Moiety to him oꝛ them that will ſue foꝛ the ſame; the ſame reſpective Penalties and Foꝛfeitures to be recovered by Action, Bill, Plaint, oꝛ Infoꝛmation in any of His Majeſties Courts of Recoꝛd at Weſtminſter, Edinburgh, oꝛ Dublin, oꝛ in the pꝛoper Courts of the Iſles of Guernſey, Jerſey, Alderney, Sark, oꝛ Man reſpectively.

And be it further Enacted by the Authoꝛity afoꝛeſaid, That if at any Time oꝛ Times hereafter any City, Town oꝛ Place within Great Britain oꝛ Ireland, oꝛ the Iſles of Guernſey, Jerſey, Alderney, Sark, oꝛ Man, ſhall be infected with the Plague, and the ſame, upon Examination, ſhall be made appear to His Majeſty, His Heiꝛs oꝛ Succeſſoꝛs, in Council, it ſhall and may be lawful to and foꝛ His Majeſty, His Heiꝛs and Succeſſoꝛs, by and with the Advice of His oꝛ Their Pꝛivy Council, during the Continuance of ſuch Calamity, to make ſuch Oꝛders and Regulations concerning Quarentine, and the Pꝛevention of Infection, as ſhall be neceſſary foꝛ the Safety and Pꝛeſervation of His oꝛ Their Subjects, and to notifie the ſame by Pꝛoclamation; and all and every Perſon and Perſons, Officer and Officers, Civil and Military, whatſoever, ſhall render due and exact Obedience to all ſuch Oꝛders and Regulations ſo made and notified, as afoꝛeſaid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authoꝛity afoꝛeſaid, That during the pꝛeſent Infection, and in all future Times, when any Country oꝛ Place ſhall be infected with the Plague, it ſhall and may be lawful to and foꝛ His Majeſty, His Heiꝛs and Succeſſoꝛs, to oꝛder Ships to be pꝛovided, oꝛ to cauſe Houſes oꝛ Lazarets foꝛ the receiving and entertaining of Perſons infected with the Plague, oꝛ obliged to perfoꝛm Quarentine, during ſuch Time as they ſhall continue infected, oꝛ until they ſhall have perfoꝛmed ſuch Quarentine reſpectively; and alſo Sheds, Tents, and other Places, pꝛoper foꝛ the depoſiting, opening, and airing of Goods and Merchandizes compꝛized within any ſuch Oꝛder oꝛ Oꝛders, made oꝛ to be made and notified, as afoꝛeſaid, to be pꝛovided oꝛ erected, to continue foꝛ ſuch Time and Term as His Majeſty, His Heiꝛs and Succeſſoꝛs, ſhall think pꝛoper and direct, in convenient Places within any

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Part of Great Britain or Ireland, to be allowed and approved by Two or more Justices of the Peace for the County, Division, or Liberty, where the same shall respectively lie, living near thereunto, under their Hands and Seals, either in any Waste Grounds or Commons, or where such Waste Grounds or Commons are not sufficient, in the several Grounds of any Person or Persons whatsoever, not being a House, Park, Garden, Orchard, Yard, or planted Walk, or Avenue to a House, paying such Rate, Rent, or Consideration for the same to the Persons interested therein respectively, according to their several Interests in the same, as shall be agreed upon between the Persons so interested, their Guardians or Trustees, and any Two Persons to be appointed for that Purpose by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, under His or Their Sign Manual; and in case of any Difference concerning such Rate, Rent, or Consideration, between the Persons so interested, their Guardians or Trustees, and such Persons so to be appointed by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, as aforesaid, the Justices of the Peace at the next General Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for such County, Division, or Liberty, wherein such Grounds shall lie, shall and may adjudge, determine, assess, and settle the same, and such Judgment and Determination shall be Final; and His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, shall and may hold and enjoy such Ground, for and during all such Time and Term as His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, shall judge necessary for the Purposes aforesaid, paying for the same such Rate, Rent, or other Consideration, as shall be agreed upon, or assessed and adjudged, as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the proper Officers authorized to put in Execution such Orders, made or to be made and notified, as aforesaid, shall, and they are hereby impowered and required to cause and compel all Persons infected with the Plague, or obliged to perform Quarentine, and all Goods and Merchandizes comprized within any such Orders, made or to be made and notified, as aforesaid, respectively, to repair or be conveyed to some of the said Ships, Houses or Lazarets, Sheds, Tents, or other Places, provided, as aforesaid, according to such Order or Orders, made or to be made and notified, as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted, That if any Person infected with the Plague, or obliged to perform Quarentine, shall wilfully refuse or neglect to repair within convenient time, after due Notice for that Purpose given to him, her, or them, by the proper Officer, to the Ship, House, Lazaret, or other Place duly appointed for him, her, or them; or

having been placed in ſuch Ship, Houſe, Lazaret, or other Place, ſhall eſcape, or attempt to eſcape out of the ſame, whilſt he, ſhe, or they ſhall continue infected, or before Quarentine fully performed reſpectively; It ſhall and may be lawfull to and for the Watchmen and other Perſons, appointed to ſee Quarentine performed, by any kind of Violence that the Caſe ſhall require, to compel every ſuch Perſon ſo refuſing or neglecting, as aforeſaid, and every ſuch Perſon ſo eſcaping, or attempting to eſcape, as aforeſaid, to repair or return into ſuch Ship, Houſe, Lazaret, or other Place, ſo appointed for him, or her, as aforeſaid; and every ſuch Perſon ſo refuſing or neglecting to repair within convenient time after ſuch Notice, as aforeſaid, into ſuch Ship, Houſe, Lazaret, or other Place appointed for him, or her, as aforeſaid, and alſo every Perſon actually eſcaping, as aforeſaid, ſhall be adjudged Guilty of Felony, and ſhall ſuffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy.

And be it further Enacted, That if any Perſon not infected, nor liable to perform Quarentine, ſhall preſume to enter any Ship, Houſe, Lazaret, or other Place ſo appointed, as aforeſaid, whilſt any Perſon or Perſons ſo infected, or being under Quarentine, ſhall be therein, and ſhall return, or attempt to return from thence, unleſs in ſuch Caſes, and by ſuch proper Licence, as ſhall be directed or permitted by ſuch Order or Orders, made or to be made and notified, as aforeſaid, It ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Watchmen, or other Perſons appointed to guard or ſecure ſuch Ship, Houſe, Lazaret, or other Place, ſo appointed, as aforeſaid, by any kind of Violence that the Caſe ſhall require, to compel ſuch Perſon, ſo returning, or attempting to return, to repair into ſome Ship, Houſe, Lazaret, or other Place, ſo appointed, as aforeſaid, there to continue and perform Quarentine; and in caſe ſuch Perſon ſhall actually eſcape out of ſuch Ship, Houſe, Lazaret, or other Place, where he, or ſhe ſhall be ſo placed for Performance of Quarentine, before he or ſhe ſhall have fully performed the ſame, he or ſhe ſhall be adjudged Guilty of Felony, and ſhall ſuffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if at any time or times hereafter, any City, Town, or Place within Great Britain, or Ireland, ſhall be infected with the Plague, It ſhall and may be lawful to and for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, to cauſe one or more Line, or Lines, Trench or Trenches, to be caſt up or made about ſuch infected City, Town, or Place, at a convenient Diſtance from the ſame, in Order to cut off the Communication between ſuch infected City, Town, or Place, and the Reſt of the Country; and to prohibit all Perſons, Goods, and Merchandizes

chandizes whatſoever, to enter, paſs, or be carried over ſuch Lines or Trenches, unleſs in ſuch Caſes, and by ſuch proper Licence, and ſubject to ſuch Regulations and Reſtrictions for Performance of Quarentine, as ſhall be directed or permitted by any ſuch Order or Orders, made or to be made and notified, as aforeſaid; and in Caſe any Perſon or Perſons, being within ſuch Lines or Trenches, or any of them, ſhall, during the time of ſuch Infection, preſume or attempt to come out of the ſame, unleſs in ſuch Caſes, and by ſuch proper Licence, and ſubject to ſuch Regulations and Reſtrictions for Performance of Quarentine, as ſhall be directed or permitted by ſuch Order or Orders, made or to be made and notified, as aforeſaid; It ſhall and may be lawful to and for the Watchmen, or Perſons appointed to guard or ſecure ſuch Lines or Trenches, or any of them, by any kind of Violence that the Caſe ſhall require, to compel all and every ſuch Perſon and Perſons to return back within ſuch Lines or Trenches; and in caſe any Perſon ſhall actually come out of ſuch Lines or Trenches, or any of them (unleſs in ſuch Caſes, and by ſuch proper Licence, and ſubject to ſuch Regulations and Reſtrictions as aforeſaid) every ſuch Perſon ſhall be adjudged Guilty of Felony, and ſuffer Death as a Felon without Benefit of Clergy.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That during the preſent Infection, and at all Times hereafter, when any Foreign Country, or any Part of Great Britain or Ireland ſhall be infected with the Plague, It ſhall and may be lawful to and for any Two Juſtices of the Peace of any County, Riding, Diviſion, or Liberty, next to ſuch Place where any Ship or Veſſel ſhall be performing Quarentine, or wherein any infected Place, or any Houſe, Lazaret, or Place for Performance of Quarentine, ſhall be ſituate, or any Lines or Trenches ſhall be made, as aforeſaid, and they are hereby required, from time to time, when any ſuch Town or Place ſhall be infected with the Plague, or any Lines or Trenches ſhall be made, as aforeſaid, or any Perſons, Ships, Goods, or Merchandizes infected, or obliged to perform Quarentine, ſhall be put in any Houſe, Lazaret, or other Place for Performance of Quarentine, to order the Inhabitants of ſuch and ſo many Pariſhes, Townſhips, Hills, or Extraparochial Places about the ſame reſpectively, as they ſhall judge neceſſary; and ſuch Inhabitants are hereby required, in purſuance of ſuch Orders, upon Notice thereof, to keep ſufficient Watches by Day and Night upon ſuch Town or Place ſo infected, and upon ſuch Lines and Trenches made, as aforeſaid, and upon ſuch Houſes, Lazarets, Ships, or other Places for Performance of Quarentine, for ſuch Time, in ſuch Manner, and with ſuch Numbers of Watchmen at every Place, as the

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ſaid Juſtices, by their ſaid Order, ſhall direct and appoint; and ſuch Watchmen are hereby required not to permit or ſuffer any ſuch Perſon, Ships, Goods, or Merchandizes, to depart, or be conveyed out of ſuch Town or Place infected, or ſuch Lines or Trenches made, as aforeſaid, or ſuch Houſe, Lazaret, or other Place for Performing of Quarentine, over which they ſhall be appointed to watch reſpectively, unleſs in ſuch Caſes, and by ſuch proper Licence, as are or ſhall be directed or permitted by ſuch Order or Orders, made or to be made and notified, as aforeſaid; and in caſe any Inhabitant of any Pariſh, Townſhip, Hill, or Extraparochial Place, ſhall neglect or refuſe to keep ſuch Watch, or to procure ſome able and ſufficient Perſon to keep ſuch Watch in his ſtead, according to ſuch Order or Orders as ſhall be made by any Two Juſtices of the Peace in purſuance of this Act, and ſhall be thereof lawfully convicted upon his or her Appearance or Default, upon the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, by one or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace of the County, Diviſion, or Liberty, where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, or the Offender ſhall be found (which Oath ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace are hereby impowered and required to adminiſter) the Perſon ſo convicted ſhall forfeit any Sum not exceeding One hundred Pounds, nor leſs than Ten Pounds, at the Diſcretion of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices; One Moiety thereof to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Pariſh where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, the ſame to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offenders Goods, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices before whom ſuch Offender ſhall be convicted, as aforeſaid; and every ſuch Offender ſhall alſo by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices be committed to Priſon, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize during the Space of Two Months, and from that time until Payment of the Sum of Money ſo adjudged by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, as aforeſaid: And in caſe any Perſon or Perſons appointed or retained to ſerve as a Watchman or Watchmen for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, or any of them, ſhall be guilty of any Breach or Neglect of his or their Duty in that behalf, and ſhall be thereof convicted upon the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witneſs or Witneſſes, by One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace of the County, Diviſion, or Liberty, where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, or the Offender ſhall be found (which Oath ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace are hereby impowered and required to adminiſter) the Perſon ſo convicted ſhall, for every ſuch Offence, forfeit any Sum not exceeding One hundred Pounds, nor leſs than Ten Pounds, at the Diſcretion of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices; One

Moiety thereof to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Pariſh where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed; the ſame to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offenders Goods, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices before whom ſuch Offender ſhall be convicted, as aforeſaid; and ſhall alſo for every ſuch Offence by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices be committed to Priſon, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize by the ſpace of Two Months, and from that time until Payment of the Sum of Money ſo adjudged by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices, as aforeſaid.

And it is hereby further Enacted, That if any Officer or Officers of his Majeſties Cuſtoms, or any other Officer or Officers, Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, to whom it doth or ſhall appertain to execute any Order or Orders made or to be made concerning Quarentine, and the Prevention of Infection, and notified, as aforeſaid, or to ſee the ſame put in Execution, ſhall be guilty of any wilful Breach or Neglect of his or their Duty in that Behalf, every ſuch Officer and Perſon ſo offending ſhall forfeit his Office or Employment in the Cuſtoms, or other Office or Employment, and ſhall become from thenceforth uncapable to hold and enjoy the ſame, or to take a new Grant thereof, and ſhall alſo forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds; One Moiety thereof to the King, his Heirs and Succeſſors, and the other Moiety to him or them, who ſhall or will ſue for the ſame, by Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of his Majeſties Courts of Record at Weſtminſter, Edinburgh, or Dublin, or in the proper Courts of the Iſles of Guernſey, Jerſey, Alderney, Sark, or Man reſpectively.

And whereas Cotton, Skins, and Human Hair, and certain other Species of Goods and Merchandizes, are more eſpecially liable to retain Infection, and may be brought from Places infected into other Countries, and from thence imported into his Majeſties Dominions in Ships not obliged to perform Quarentine; Be it Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That during the preſent Infection, and in all future Times, when any Foreign Country or Place ſhall be infected with the Plague, all ſuch Goods and Merchandizes as are or ſhall be particularly ſpecified for that Purpoſe, in any Order or Orders made or to be made concerning Quarentine, and the Prevention of Infection, and notified, as aforeſaid, imported into any Part of his Majeſties Dominions from any Foreign Country or Place in any Ship or Veſſel whatſoever, ſhall be ſubject and liable to ſuch Order or Orders made or to be made concerning Quarentine, and the Prevention of Infection, and notified, as aforeſaid.

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if it ſhall appear to His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, that during the Time of ſuch Infection, as aforeſaid, any Ship or Veſſel ſhall come into any Port or Place within any of His Majeſties Dominions from any Place infected with the Plague, or being laden with any Goods or Cargo taken on board ſuch Ship or Veſſel at any Place ſo infected, or from on board any Ship or Veſſel ſo infected, as aforeſaid, or that there ſhall be any Perſon or Perſons on board ſuch Ship or Veſſel actually infected with the Plague, or that any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes are actually infected with the Plague, then, and in any of the ſaid Caſes, It ſhall and may be lawful for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, by Order in Council, to direct, authorize, and impower any Perſon or Perſons that ſhall be thought proper, to burn or deſtroy, or cauſe to be burnt or deſtroyed, ſuch Ship or Veſſel, with the Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture thereof, and ſuch Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes infected, as aforeſaid, or ſo much thereof as ſhall be neceſſary for preventing the Spreading of the Infection.

And it is hereby further Enacted, That after Quarentine ſhall have been duly performed by any Ship or Veſſel, Perſon or Perſons, obliged to perform Quarentine, according to ſuch Order or Orders made and notified, as aforeſaid, and this Act, and upon Proof to be made by the Oaths of the Maſter, or other Perſon having Charge of ſuch Ship or Veſſel, and of Two of the Perſons belonging to ſuch Ship or Veſſel, or upon Proof to be made by the Oaths of Two Credible Witneſſes before the Cuſtomer, Comptroller, or Collector of the Port where ſuch Quarentine ſhall be performed, or the next Port thereunto, or before any of their Deputies, or any One Juſtice of the Peace living near to ſuch Port or (where ſuch Quarentine ſhall have been performed in any Inland Place) before any Two Juſtices of the Peace living near thereunto, or where ſuch Quarentine ſhall have been performed within any of the ſaid Iſles of Guernſey, Jerſey, Alderney, Sark, and Man, before any Two Juſtices or Magiſtrates of any of the ſaid Iſles reſpectively (which Perſons are hereby authorized and required to adminiſter ſuch Oath) that ſuch Ship or Veſſel, and all and every ſuch Perſon and Perſons reſpectively, have duly performed Quarentine, as aforeſaid, and that the Ship or Veſſel, and all and every ſuch Perſon and Perſons, are free from Infection, then, and in the ſaid reſpective Caſes, ſuch Cuſtomer, Comptroller, or Collector, or any of their Deputies, together with the ſaid Juſtice of the Peace, or ſuch Two Juſtices of the Peace, or ſuch Jurats or Magiſtrates, as aforeſaid, reſpectively, are hereby required to give a Certificate thereof;

and thereupon such Ship or Vessel, and all and every such Person and Persons so having performed Quarentine, shall be liable to no further Restraint or Detention upon the same Account for which such Ship or Vessel, Person or Persons shall have performed Quarentine, as aforesaid.

And it is hereby further Enacted, That the Officer before whom such Oath shall be made, and by whom such Certificate shall be given, shall, for such respective Oath and Certificate, demand no more than One Shilling for each, over and above the Stamp Duties.

Provided nevertheless, and it is hereby Enacted, That all Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, shall, after Quarentine performed, be opened, and aired, in such Place or Places, and for such Time, and in such Manner, as hath been or shall be directed by His Majesty, His Heirs or Successors, by such Order or Orders, made or to be made and notified, as aforesaid; and after such Orders shall have been duly complied with, and Proof shall be made thereof by the Oaths of Two or more Credible Witnesses before the Customer, Comptroller, or Collector of the Port, lying next to such Place or Places where such Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, shall have been opened and aired, as aforesaid, or any of their Deputies, and any One Justice of the Peace living near the same, or before any Two Jurats or Magistrates of the said Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or Man respectively (who are hereby authorized and required to administer such Oath) upon Certificate and Return of such Proof by such Customer, Comptroller, or Collector, or any of their Deputies, or such Two Jurats or Magistrates, as aforesaid, (who are hereby respectively required to make such Certificate and Return to the Commissioners appointed for the Management of the Customs in Great Britain, or Ireland, or to the Governor or Commander in Chief, being upon the Place, in the Isles of Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, or Man respectively,) such Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, shall be forthwith discharged from any Restraint or Detention on the same Account, by Order of the said Commissioners, or any Two of them, or of the said Governor or Commander in Chief of any of the said Isles, as aforesaid, respectively; for every of which Oath, Certificate, and Order, no more shall be demanded or taken than the Sum of One Shilling.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That if any Officer or other Person shall demand or take any greater Sum than is hereby allowed and limited for any such Oath, Order, or Certificate, to be administred or made in pursuance of this Act, every Person so offending shall forfeit the Sum of One hundred Pounds; one Moiety thereof to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and the other Moiety to him or them,

who will ſue for the ſame by Action, Bill, Plaint, or Information, in any of His Majeſties Courts of Record at Weſtminſter, Edinburgh, or Dublin, or in the proper Courts of Guernſey, Jerſey, Alderney, Sark, or Man reſpectively; in which Caſes Coſts ſhall be allowed to either Party as in other Caſes.

And whereas it is Notorious, that notwithſtanding the many good Laws made to prevent the clandeſtine Importation of cuſtomable and prohibited Goods and Merchandizes, a Pernitious Trade, of that kind, is ſtill carried on, for the moſt part, in open Boats, and Veſſels of ſmall Burthen, which privately, and in the Night, put into Creeks and ſecret Places on the Coaſt, thereby eſcaping the Obſervation of the Officers of the Cuſtoms; which Practices may prove highly Detrimental to the Safety of theſe Kingdoms, during a Time of Infection: For Prevention thereof, Be it Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That during the preſent Infection, and in all future Times, when any part of Great Britain, Ireland, or the Iſles of Guernſey, Jerſey, Alderney, Sark, and Man, or France, Spain, Portugal, or the Low Countries, ſhall be infected with the Plague, It ſhall and may be lawful to and for His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, by His or Their Proclamation, to prohibit and reſtrain all ſmall Boats and Veſſels, under the Burthen of Twenty Tuns, from ſailing or paſſing out of any Port or Place of Great Britain, or Ireland, or the Iſlands of Guernſey, Jerſey, Alderney, Sark, and Man, or any of them, until Security be firſt given by the Maſter of every ſuch Boat or Veſſel reſpectively, to the Satisfaction of the Principal Officer of the Cuſtoms, or the Chief Magiſtrate of the Port or Place from whence ſuch Boat or Veſſel ſhall ſail, by Bond taken to the King, His Heirs or Succeſſors, with ſufficient Sureties, in the Penalty of Five hundred Pounds, with Condition, That if ſuch Boat or Veſſel ſhall not go to, or touch at any Country, Port, or Place to be mentioned for that Purpoſe in ſuch Proclamation, and if the Maſter or other Perſon having Charge of ſuch Boat or Veſſel, and all and every Mariner and Mariners, Paſſenger and Paſſengers going in ſuch Boat or Veſſel, ſhall, during the Time aforeſaid, not go on board any other Ship or Veſſel at Sea, and if ſuch Maſter or other Perſon having Charge of ſuch Boat or Veſſel, ſhall not permit or ſuffer any Perſon or Perſons to come on board ſuch Boat or Veſſel at Sea, from any other Ship or Veſſel, and ſhall not, during the Time aforeſaid, receive any Goods or Merchandizes whatſoever out of any other Ship or Veſſel, then ſuch Bond ſhall be void, or to ſuch effect; for the making of which Bond no more ſhall be taken than the Sum of One Shilling over and above

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the Stamp-Duties; and in caſe any Boat or Veſſel, for which ſuch Security ſhall be required by ſuch Proclamation, ſhall ſet ſail or paſs out of any Port or Place of Great Britain, or Ireland, or the Iſlands of Guernſey, Jerſey, Alderney, Sark, and Man, or any of them reſpectively, before ſuch Security ſhall be given, as aforeſaid, every ſuch Boat or Veſſel, ſo ſailing or paſſing out of any Port or Place contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, together with her Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture, ſhall be forfeited to the King, His Heirs and Succeſſors, and ſhall and may be ſeized, ſued for, and recovered in His Majeſties Court of Exchequer at Weſtminſter, Edinburgh, or Dublin, or in the proper Courts of the Iſles of Guernſey, Jerſey, Alderney, Sark, or Man reſpectively, to the Uſe of His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors; and the Maſter of, and every Mariner ſailing in every ſuch Boat or Veſſel, being thereof lawfully convicted upon his or their Appearance or Default, upon the Oath or Oaths of one or more Credible Witneſſes, by one or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace where ſuch Offender ſhall be found, which Oath ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace are hereby impowered and required to adminiſter, ſhall forfeit the Sum of Fifty Pounds; One Moiety thereof to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Pariſh where ſuch Offender ſhall be found; the ſame to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offenders Goods, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices before whom ſuch Offender ſhall be convicted, as aforeſaid; and for want of ſufficient Diſtreſs, every ſuch Offender ſhall by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices be committed to Priſon, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize for the ſpace of Three Months; and in caſe ſuch Offender ſhall be found in any of the ſaid Iſles of Guernſey, Jerſey, Alderney, Sark, or Man, and ſhall be lawfully convicted of ſuch Offence in any Action or Suit to be founded upon this Act, in the proper Court of any of the ſaid Iſles where he ſhall be ſo found, ſuch Offender ſhall forfeit the Sum of Twenty Pounds; One Moiety thereof to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Pariſh or Place where ſuch Offender ſhall be found, and ſhall ſuffer Impriſonment without Bail or Mainprize for the ſpace of Three Months.

And forasmuch as the Perſons uſing ſuch Clandeſtine Trade, are greatly encouraged to continue in the ſame, by reaſon great Numbers of Perſons, for their private Lucre, receive and buy the Goods and Merchandizes ſo by them clandeſtinely imported contrary to Law: Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall receive or buy any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, ſo clan-

deſtinely run or imported, before the ſame ſhall have been legally condemned, knowing the ſame to be ſo clandeſtinely run or imported, and ſhall be thereof lawfully convicted upon his, her, or their Appearance or Default, upon the Oath or Oaths of One or more credible Witneſſes by One or more Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace of the County, Diviſion, or Liberty where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, or the Offender ſhall be found (which Oath ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace are hereby required to adminiſter) the Perſon ſo convicted ſhall forfeit the Sum of Ten Pounds; one Moiety thereof to the Informer, and the other Moiety, to the Poor of the Pariſh where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed; the ſame to be levied by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Offenders Goods, by Warrant under the Hand and Seal, or Hands and Seals of ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices before whom ſuch Offender ſhall be convicted, as aforeſaid; and for want of ſuch Diſtreſs, every ſuch Offender ſhall by ſuch Juſtice or Juſtices be committed to Priſon, there to remain, without Bail or Mainprize, for the Space of Three Months.

And to the end that all Perſons may know how to demean themſelves in the Premiſſes, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That when, and as often as His Majeſty, His Heirs or Succeſſors, ſhall make any Order or Orders concerning Quarentine, and the Prevention of Infection, and notifie the ſame by Proclamation, as aforeſaid, ſuch Proclamation ſhall be publickly read upon the next Sunday after the Receipt of the ſame, and the Firſt Sunday in every Month afterwards, during the Time ſuch Orders ſhall continue in Force, immediately after the Prayers and the Sermon, in all Pariſh-Churches and other Places ſet apart for Divine Worſhip within ſuch Counties and Places as ſhall be ſpecified for that Purpoſe in ſuch Proclamation.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Action or Suit ſhall be commenced againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Thing done in Purſuance of this preſent Act, that the Defendant or Defendants in ſuch Action or Suit may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act and the Special Matter in Evidence at any Tryal to be had thereupon, and that the ſame was done in Purſuance and by Authority of the ſaid Act; and if it ſhall appear ſo to have been done, then the Jury ſhall find for the Defendant or Defendants; and if the Plaintiff ſhall be nonſuited, or diſcontinue his Action after the Defendant or Defendants ſhall have appeared, or if Judgment ſhall be given upon any Verdict or Demurrer againſt the Plaintiff, the Defendant or Defendants ſhall and may recover treble Coſts, and have the

like Remedy for the ſame, as the Defendant or Defendants hath or have in other Caſes by Law.

And it is hereby Enacted, That this Act, and the ſeveral Clauſes and Proviſions therein contained, ſhall commence and take Effect from and after the Tenth Day of February, in the Year of our Lord One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty, and ſhall continue in Force for the Space of Three Years, and from thence to the End of the then next Seſſion of Parliament; and from and after the ſaid Tenth Day of February, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty, the aforeſaid Act, made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of Her late Majeſty Queen Anne, Intituled, An Act to oblige Ships coming from Places infected, more effectually to perform Quarentine (as to all Matters and Things to ariſe or be done, from and after the ſaid Tenth Day of February, One thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty) ſhall be and ſtand abſolutely repealed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Watches by this Act before directed to be kept, ſhall be maintained at the Charges of the County or Riding wherein ſuch Watches ſhall be reſpectively kept; and that the Juſtices of the Peace in their General Quarter Seſſions ſhall have Power, and are hereby required to raiſe Monies, upon the reſpective Counties or Ridings, in which they are impowered to act by their Commiſſions, in ſuch Manner, and by ſuch Ways and Means, as they are reſpectively impowered to raiſe Money for County Goals and Bridges, to ſatisfie the Charges and Expences of ſuch Watches as ſhall have been kept in purſuance of this Act; and the Monies ſo raiſed, ſhall be paid to the Chief Conſtable of each Diviſion, to be by him paid and diſtributed according to the Order of ſuch Juſtices, to the Perſons who ſhall be reſpectively entitled to receive the ſame on Account of keeping ſuch Watches, as aforeſaid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Officer or other Perſon appointed to ſee Quarentine duly performed, or any Perſon placed or appointed as a Watchman upon any Town or Place infected with the Plague, or upon any Line or Lines, Trench or Trenches made, as aforeſaid, or any Houſe, Lazaret, Ship, or other Place for Performance of Quarentine in purſuance of this Act, ſhall knowingly and willingly permit or ſuffer any Perſon, Ship, Goods, or Merchandizes, to depart, or be conveyed out of ſuch Town or Place infected, or ſuch Line or Lines, Trench or Trenches made, as aforeſaid, or ſuch Houſe, Lazaret, Ship, or other Place reſpectively appointed for performance of Quarentine, unleſs in ſuch Caſes, and by ſuch proper Li-

cence, as are or ſhall be directed or permitted by ſome Order or Orders, made or to be made and notified by Proclamation, as aforeſaid, then and in any of the ſaid Caſes, every ſuch Officer and Perſon ſo offending, ſhall be adjudged Guilty of Felony, and ſhall ſuffer Death as in Caſes of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy.

Provided always, and be it Enacted, That in caſe any Perſon ſhall think himſelf agrieved by any Judgment of any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace given for any Offence againſt this Act, It ſhall and may be lawful for ſuch Perſon to appeal againſt ſuch Judgment to the Juſtices of the Peace in the General Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace, which ſhall be held for the ſame County, Riding, Diviſion, or Liberty, next after Notice of ſuch Judgment of the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices; And the Juſtices of the Peace in the ſaid General Quarter-Seſſions are hereby impowered to ſummon Witneſſes, and examine the ſame upon Oath, and to hear, and finally determine the Matter of the ſaid Appeal; And in caſe the Juſtices in ſuch General Quarter-Seſſions ſhall give Judgment againſt ſuch Appellant, then the ſame Juſtices ſhall award and order to the Party on whoſe Behalf ſuch Appeal ſhall be determined, ſuch reaſonable Coſts and Charges to be paid by ſuch Appellant, as to the ſame Juſtices ſhall ſeem meet.

Provided always, and be it hereby Enacted, That no Attainder of Felony by virtue of this Act, ſhall extend to work any Corruption of Blood, or Forfeiture of any Goods, Chattels, Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments.

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